

Master Patrol Officer Chris Peters Critically Injured

by Cathie Meetre

On Saturday, January 2, at approximately 10 p.m., a Greenbelt police officer sustained serious injuries as a result of being struck by a vehicle while on foot assisting the U.S. Park Police with a traffic accident on Edmonston Road north of Cherrywood Lane. The officer was transported by helicopter to MedStar Washington Hospital Center for treatment and was listed in critical condition. The striking vehicle remained at the scene.

The officer has been identified as Master Patrol Officer Chris Peters, a 22-year veteran of the Greenbelt Police Department. The police department is issuing bulletins to update the community but at the time of writing, she remained in critical condition. Greenbelt Police continue to investigate the accident.

The Greenbelt branch of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) has created a GoFundMe page to assist her and her family. Information on this fundraising

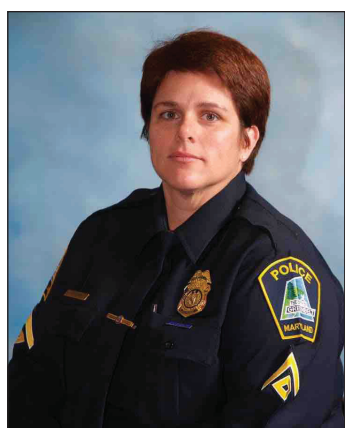


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Master Patrol Officer Chris Peters, critically injured while on duty

effort and links to contribute can be found via the FOP website, facebook.com/GreenbeltFOP.

As of the morning of Wednesday, January 6, over 200 contributions had been made to the site and the total raised was approaching \$18,000. Contributions were flowing in at the rate of several per hour.

P.G. County Offers Little News On Covid Vaccine Availability

by Cathie Meetre

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

The Prince George's County Health Department is beginning to roll out Covid-19 vaccinations. Announcing that it was currently in the 1A phase of distribution (health and essential workers), the county noted that it would move to the next category of recipients as supplies of vaccine and available personnel permitted. It describes the categories that individuals will fall into for vaccination priority – this depends on multiple factors, including age, health status and occupation. The Prince George's website is

princegeorgescountymd.gov/3730/Covid-19-Vaccination.

This site directs viewers to the Maryland state government website (marylandvax.org/) for vaccination clinics but notes that none of the clinics on the state site is located in Prince George's County. The site is one already used for other types of vaccination and, for example, also includes influenza vaccination scheduling.

Although the Maryland site has boxes that allow a search for Covid-19 vaccination sites, an attempt to search comes up with zero possibilities at the time of writing, as the vaccine is not yet available to the public at clinics.

City Budget Still in the Black But Fiscal Uncertainties Remain

by Diane Oberg

Greenbelt is in excellent financial condition and its revenue stream is sound, City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon told the Greenbelt City Council at a December 28 worksession. Her written report and related budget table are available on the city's website as part of the agenda packet for the meeting.

Revenues

Gaymon calculated that real estate tax receipts to date are \$19,970,847, which is \$1,880,047 higher than the \$18,090,800 in the adopted budget. However, all of this difference is accounted for by real estate abatements. To date, just \$6,125 in abatements have been issued, compared to the \$1,897,000 in the adopted budget. In calculating her projected year-end revenues, Gaymon reduced the adjustment for abatements by \$1,264,667.

Year-end projections for two other taxes are, not surprisingly, well below their levels in the adopted budget given the pandemic's effects on travel and entertainment. The hotel/motel tax is projected to be \$160,000 less than the adopted budget while the admissions and amusements tax is projected to come in at nearly half a million dollars less than in the adopted budget.

Likewise, revenue from recreation programs is projected to be \$669,600 less than expected. One bright spot is highway user fee revenue where Gaymon projects that the city will receive \$540,776, nearly double the budgeted revenue, although these funds can only be used for specific purposes.

Gaymon did not revise estimates for all revenue sources but one other category took a major hit from efforts to spur the economy. The adopted budget expected interest revenues of \$150,000. Gaymon is now projecting that the city will receive less than \$10,000.

Taking all these changes into account, Gaymon projects that city revenues will be \$91,900 greater than in the adopted budget.

Expenditures

The budget update does not include an analysis of expenditures, aside from Director of Recreation Greg Varda's estimates for his department. He expects expenditures to drop by nearly \$1.3 million. Mayor Colin Byrd pressed to get comparable expenditure information for other departments, which Gaymon is planning to do as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget review, sooner rather than later.

Current Status

Based on the revised revenue and expenditure estimates, Gaymon projects an overall savings of \$1,383,200. She suggested that some of this revenue could be applied to the deferred expenditures. However, she also pointed

out several potentially significant expenditures that were not provided for in the budget, such as the legal costs of fighting maglev and potential armory redevelopment costs.

Council Discussion

Council discussed Gaymon's recommendations. Councilmember Emmett Jordan expressed concern about reducing the adjustment for abatement. These commercial property tax cuts can be made after the end of this fiscal year but retroactive to the beginning of the assessment cycle. While residential abatements tend to be small, he said he was most concerned about commercial abatements where he feared the city could be in for a big hit. While

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PHOTO BY VIJAY PARMESHWARAN

Vijay Parmeshwaran draws a peacock, considered an auspicious symbol throughout the Indian subcontinent, on the sidewalk near his home, welcoming the New Year with hopes that it will be a good one for all of Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

by Jon Gardner

The Rude Mechanicals, in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), will perform William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night: or What You Will live online on Saturday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 10 at 2:30 p.m. Shakespeare was commissioned by Queen Elizabeth I to write the romantic comedy as a light entertainment to close out the Christmas season of 1601.

The Rude Mechanicals will put a modern twist on the play. They encourage you to login to a world where comedy and tragedy wear twin pajama pants. Where love, loss and friendship must evolve in isolation and be filtered through your screen. Where duels are settled with game controllers, not swords, and Alexa plays "the food of love" on command. This is the new world, and in this world, you can be whoever you

want (as long as you're at home). This is I.L.L.Y.R.I.A.

Director Tiffany M. Waters said, "In the spirit of continuing live performance during uncertain times, this production will focus on collaborating with actors to find ways to navigate this new medium. Twelfth Night will seek to explore themes of personal identity, relationships, isolation, love, loss and reunion."

While the theater is closed due to the pandemic, Greenbelt Arts Center is dedicated to bringing online productions of important works to the residents of Greenbelt and the surrounding area. Performances will be online and available to the public from the website greenbeltartscenter.org. There is a suggested donation.

Jon Gardner is on the board of Greenbelt Arts Center.

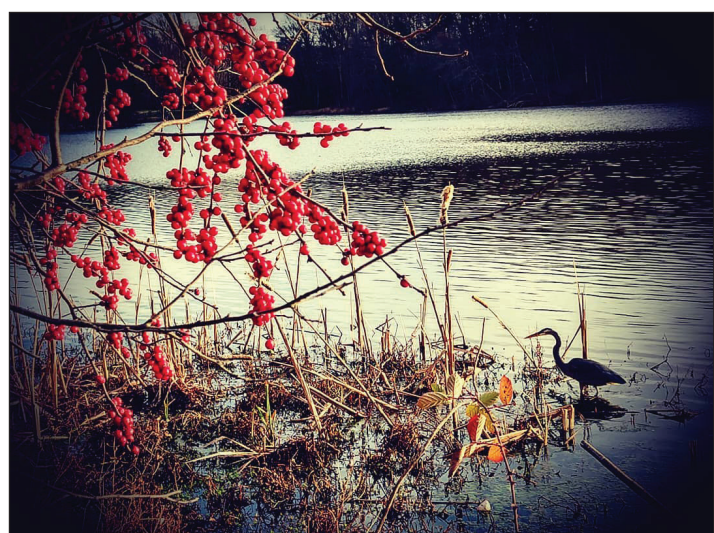


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January view of the Lake

What Goes On

**Monday, January 11
8 p.m. Council Meeting**
**Wednesday, January 13
8 p.m. Council Worksession:**
Public Meeting on Collective Bargaining Agreement
All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Should Have A Housing Security Plan

This open letter has been sent to the city council.

Dear Greenbelt City Council Members,

We call upon the City of Greenbelt to develop a housing security plan for the coming year to ensure the public health and safety of Greenbelt residents as we face the massive challenges of the current pandemic and associated recession and their aftermath.

We recognize that the Council and City have already done significant work to keep residents safe and protected, especially through Greenbelt CARES. We understand that Greenbelt was one of the few -- maybe the only -- cities in Prince George's County that was able to distribute CARES Act money to renters in arrears. The City also passed ordinances to ban fees and rent increases. In coordination with Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA), the city is collecting and distributing funds for housing and utility support for families in need.

However, we see a troubling lack of comprehensive planning to face a potential housing crisis looming for early 2021 that could involve hundreds of evictions with an accompanying risk of homelessness. We note that Greenbelt Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) residents are disproportionately facing housing insecurity and are also at much greater risk of contracting and dying from Covid-19. These are our most at-risk neighbors, who disproportionately live in more crowded conditions, hold service jobs requiring them to leave home, and use public transportation.

Should hundreds of evictions turn into hundreds of homeless individuals and families, the City must coordinate with County shelter services. If County services are overwhelmed, the City needs contingency plans to help those with nowhere to go.

Here are some practical suggestions to add to an emerging plan. We have great confidence that the City and residents can rise to the challenge.

1) Rework and pass the Eviction Ordinance proposed by Mayor Byrd. The final vote of 3-3-1 was close enough to warrant revisiting this important legislation. Eviction protection is critical. At the recent worksession with the Council, representatives of Fieldstone Properties, managers of Franklin Park, indicated delinquent rents currently totaled \$2.6 million. 40% of renters were in arrears. The normal rate is 5%.

2) Expand Greenbelt CARES by temporarily reassigning staff from other departments.

3) Develop consistent, timely, and clear communications on rights and options for all residents involving effective distribution through multiple channels. Hear from all neighborhoods and make sure that BIPOC residents have a clear

feedback channel and a place at the table for this planning effort. In the absence of metrics from the county, state, and federal governments, information from local networks will be critical.

4) Develop partnerships with existing local organizations and networks to gather ideas and information. The work of GILA in expanding and promoting the emergency assistance funds is a good example.

5) Add Public Health and Welfare to the FY2021 City Management Objectives to help give this planning the priority it deserves.

Housing is a basic need and right. The pandemic has pushed millions more people into homelessness or unstable housing. Our work to address this acute crisis must lead us to a future where no one is unhoused or under threat of homelessness.

We hope you will strongly consider the points we have raised above and act upon them.

Signed by:
Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA)
The Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George's County
Connecting Across Greenbelt
RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness)

Law Enforcement

This Saturday, January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! This citizen-led day of recognition is to express appreciation, gratitude and support for all law enforcement professionals and support staff (federal, state, county and municipal).

The driving force behind its creation, founded in 2015, was the negative attention law enforcement has faced in the media and to remind the public of the lengths police officers go to serve the public safety in their respective communities.

Several simple actions that the Greenbelt public can do to demonstrate their support is to send cards of appreciation and thanks to our Greenbelt Police Department and include any positive interaction you have had with our Greenbelt Police. If you have a blue light, display this as your porch light over the weekend.



Wearing blue clothing on the ninth is another. I'm wearing blue, and of course green for Greenbelt as well.

*Robert Snyder,
on behalf of Greenbelt
Citizens for Public Safety*

Maglev Public Comment Period Starts January 22

Members of the Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit (MCRT) believe it is important to request that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) extend the commenting period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the maglev highspeed rail to 180 days. The current DEIS public commenting period starts January 22, 2021 and ends 45 days later on March 8, 2021. The DEIS will have thousands of pages of very technical information that Greenbelt will need to read and address. A recent example demonstrates the effort needed for a DEIS review. The environmental law firm working for the City of Greenbelt on the Maglev DEIS, Jill Grant and Associates, wrote over 200 pages of comments analyzing the legal and technical flaws in the DEIS for the proposed I-495 and I-270 Beltway Expansion project. The Maglev DEIS will be equally demanding. For sample letters to request extension or to donate, go to mcrt-action.org or contact MCRT at mcrtaction@gmail.com. Other online resources are: <https://www.stophiststrain.org/> and the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CitizensAgainstSCMaglev>.

The DEIS covers technical areas beyond the environment per se. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the term "environment" also involves land use, socio-economic conditions, parks and recreational properties, cultural, historic and archaeological entities, visual and aesthetic qualities and environmental justice. Greenbelt is a National Historic Landmark. Perhaps the unmarked graves at Hamilton Place have significant enough historic value to support a no-build option. Greenbelt will need enough time to make such a determination when the DEIS is available on Friday, January 22.

Donna Hoffmeister

GCPS Thanks Boston Market

The Greenbelt Citizens for Public Safety (GCPS) provided dinner to police officers on Christmas Day. Since most stores were closed, GCPS turned to Pricilla Burgess, manager of Boston Market, along with her crew, who whipped up a holiday menu of baked chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, sweet potatoes, vegetables and gravy. The holiday meal was enjoyed by all who worked the evening shift at the Police Station. GCPS would like to thank Burgess and her staff for cooking a tasty meal for the Greenbelt Police Department evening shift.



PHOTO BY KATHY LEGENDRE

Boston Market whipped up a great meal for the first responders. Pictured from left are Robert Snyder, Pricilla Burgess of Boston Market and Claudia Jones.

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It was a holiday gift.

B. Glee



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Community Events

PGCPS Community Conversations

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) is holding virtual community meetings to gather input on the Comprehensive School Boundary Initiative. They want to hear from PGCPS students, parents or guardians, educators or any other member of the community.

The initiative will provide an impartial analysis of current school boundaries, feeder patterns and program locations to develop potential adjustments for new and expanded school facilities, and balance facility utilization systemwide. As PGCPS works to get students back into classrooms safely amid the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to plan thoughtfully for student enrollment growth. Participate in one of the upcoming virtual community meetings to learn more about the Boundary Initiative, hear about new and expanded school facilities, and share thoughts on priorities that should impact the school system’s boundaries before recommendations are developed and made to the Board of Education. Virtual event: pgcmls.info/event/4778801.

Golden Age News

Greenbelt seniors, 2021 is here and the Golden Age Club has lots of plans for the new year. Whether or not currently a member, any senior is invited to join online and mingle with a friendly group.

The club has been successfully meeting online, via Zoom or by telephone call-in, for several months now. The group meets at its regular time, 11 a.m. each Wednesday. To join the Zoom or phone list, contact Rebekah Sutfin, therapeutic recreation supervisor (Senior & Inclusion Programs), at 240-542-2056 (leave a message) or at RSUTFIN@Greenbeltmd.gov.

January is going to be a busy month. On January 13, the program will be “What’s happening in Greenbelt – Hear from city employees about what is happening in their departments.” Those expected to speak are Greg Varda, Greenbelt Recreation; George Mathews, Police Department; and Luisa Robles, Public Works Department. January Birthday Celebrations on January 20 includes stories of how each person came to live in Greenbelt. And on January 27, the last meeting of the month, the group will try Virtual BINGO.

Start the New Year Peacefully

January’s Greenbelt Unplugged Mindfulness session will be held over Zoom on Sunday, January 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and will be led by Greenbelt’s own Katrina Boverman. Throughout Boverman’s career as a social worker she has guided and empowered hundreds of people to make positive changes in their life. Through Mishkan Torah Sisterhood she has led Meditation Classes in Greenbelt, helping people to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. To get the Zoom link or to be added to the general email list, send an email to events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

Connect Across Greenbelt

Ring in the New Year by deepening community connections! Connecting Across Greenbelt (CAG) is a group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. A multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-generational group of Greenbelters, CAG is working to enhance quality of life through connections and relationships. To research ways to cope in these difficult times, the group is building a Caring and Connecting Toolkit (bit.ly/CAGtoolkit) in association with leading mental health and community health leaders.

To find out about the group’s upcoming monthly meetings, Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email communityconnections.gb@gmail.com.

Auditions for Hamless

The Rude Mechanicals, in residence at the Greenbelt Arts Center, will hold auditions for Hamless, an adaptation of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, on Monday and Tuesday, January 11 and 12. To request an audition slot, actors should fill in the online form by going to greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions/ and clicking the link.

Hamless, directed by Erin Nealer, is “Hamlet,” edited to remove the title character entirely. While Hamlet never appears onscreen, his presence is felt in every tense moment as his family and friends struggle to keep the peace within the Danish court, avoid a war with Norway and quell a rebellion, all while tiptoeing around young Hamlet’s increasingly unstable moods.

Every role is available to actors of any gender, race, ability and age. The Rude Mechanicals practice identity-conscious casting; the director will work with actors to ensure their identities are respected and incorporated into their character work. The production will be entirely virtual, and will be presented live in March.

Visit greenbeltartscenter.org for information about additional auditions which are taking place this weekend for other upcoming plays.

GCAN Zoom

Join the next Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting on Wednesday, January 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. A Zoom link is available at cheers.org/gcan.

Forward planning about where and how to create clean solar energy will be the main topic of discussion during the first meeting of the new year. A Bay Journal article, Where Solar Arrays Shouldn’t Go Is as Critical as Where They Do Go, provides useful background for the discussion (tinyurl.com/GCANSolarWhere).

The remainder of the meeting will cover the following topics: 1) Brandywine Power Plant and Pipeline: GCAN members met with state legislators to garner support for PG 410-21, the Stop Environmentally Unjust Coal and Gas Plants Act of 2021. 2) Eastern Shore Pipeline: One branch of the pipeline was approved on December 2 by the Bureau of Public Works. There is another pipeline branch. What are the next steps? 3) Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan: Prince George’s County Climate Action Commission members are working with the Cadmus Group to develop a Climate Action Plan, and GCAN is working closely with Prince George’s Sierra Club to provide input. 4) 495 Beltway Expansion: Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee Chair Kumar Barve, as well as Delegates Marc Korman and Jared Solomon, are working on legislative reform to protect the public from empty promises for faster traffic at no-net cost to taxpayers. 5) Northeast Maglev: GCAN members have joined the letter-writing campaign to extend the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Information on a survey being conducted by Citizens Against SCMaglev and on a Town Hall meeting to hear from experts on concerns over SCMaglev are forthcoming.

GCAN members continue to actively engage in letter writing, attending strategy meetings, testifying at hearings, networking, using social media to advance the cause, and providing creative support to its partners, as needed.

For questions, contact Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234 (landline, no text) or SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com.

Virtual Tea

The Greenbelt Virtual Community Tea now meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next tea will be on Thursday, January 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is open to all. Feel free to stop by for a moment or stay a while. These teas are strictly social. Sometimes the group discusses serious topics (coronavirus, Black Lives Matter), other times lighter topics (favorite Netflix, where to get take-out food). To access the Zoom link, visit facebook.com/pg/greenbeltimebank/events/. Questions may be directed to greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com.

GAC Holds Online Auditions for Plays

On January 9 and 10, Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions for the play, Solomon and Marion by Laura Foot Newton, directed by Ann Lowe-Barrett. The auditions will be online via Zoom by appointment. To request an audition slot, email the director, including a resume at the address listed on the website greenbeltartscenter.org.

Rehearsals will be virtual. The production will be recorded and streamed for audiences on February 27, 28 and March 6 and 7. The director will work with the cast on a convenient rehearsal schedule.

Greenbelt Arts Center will also hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on January 7 and 9 for January’s old-time radio plays. Audition slots can be arranged by emailing Director Rikki Howie Lacewell at the address listed on the website greenbeltartscenter.org.

In January the series will feature two five-minute mystery plays: My Pal Patsy and Death Calls at Dinner, as well as a Cat Wife – Lights Out, a strange and unusual story about a man whose wife is turned into a cat. There will be three virtual rehearsals and the final video will be posted on the website on January 25.

Attention All Birders

Greenbelt’s First Annual Big Year is here! Whoever records the most species of birds sighted in 2021 up until December 29 (the New Deal Café’s Birthday) will receive a gift certificate for dinner for two at the New Deal Café. There will be a citywide category and a backyard category. This contest will be only for within the political boundaries of Greenbelt. Pictures are welcome but not required, the contest is on the honor system. What is required is a list of the birds sighted, the date and time sighted for each species and as close to an exact location as possible described. For inspiration watch the movie The Big Year.

Daytime Watercolor

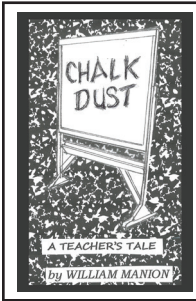
Greenbelt Recreation Arts instructor and Artist-in-Residence Racquel Keller teaches a watercolor class on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, January 12 to February 9. Advance registration and fees required. For more information go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation, click on Winter Classes and go to page 14 of the Winter Activity Guide.

Beginning Ceramics

Greenbelt Recreation Arts ceramics studio offers Basic Ceramic Hand-building over Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Clay and materials can be purchased through the studio and firing is provided. Advance registration and fees required. For more information go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation, click on Winter Classes and go to page 17 of the Winter Activity Guide.


PG Schools Hiring

PGCPS is having a virtual hiring event Saturday, January 9, to recruit school bus drivers, teachers and school nurses. Those interested must register to receive the event link. For more information and to register for the event, go to pgcps.org/offices/humanresources/careers/district-wide-hiring-event-january-9-2021.




CHALK DUST: A TEACHER’S TALE


An anecdotal memoir by William Manion who taught in PGCPS from 1968-2016 (38 years at ERHS in Greenbelt) Ebook and Paperback available on Amazon.



The Rude Mechanicals in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center present:



GREENBELT ARTS CENTER



GAC online



Twelfth Night or What You Will

by William Shakespeare, directed by Tiffany M. Waters

Online: Saturday & Sunday, January 9 & 10. Suggested donation: \$10

rudemechanicals.comgreenbeltartscenter.org

Coming Soon: The Tamer Tamed, February 13 & 20

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Friday January 8 - Thursday January 14		
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7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATe Archive
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	GATe Classic Film ★ Film Noir/ Thriller	• The Stranger • Orson Welles • Loretta Young • Directed by Orson Welles
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Remembering Greenbelters Who Died In 2020 and Earlier

compiled by Sue Krofchik

- Lisa Dawn Aguilar, 54, June 24, 2020
- Dorothy Ball, 91, December 29, 2019
- Edith “Edie” Barber, 95, December 30, 2019
- Eunice Elizabeth Schick Barber, 91, August 2, 2020
- Carl Boushell, 90, February 11, 2020
- Leroy F. Bowen, 92, February 27, 2020
- Lorraine Bowlin, 74, October 2, 2020
- Harry Truman Boyd, 72, May 8, 2020
- Elizabeth “Betty” Frances Blank Brady, 76, November 18, 2020
- Daniel Zitver Brown, 33, March 11, 2020
- Nikki Ann Brunatti, 69, December 27, 2020
- Wona Charlotte Bryan, 88, April 6, 2020
- Patricia “Pat” Carriere, May 20, 2020
- Richard Ignacio Celdran, Jr., 77, January 11, 2020
- Brecken “Bhakti” Chinn, 50, November 1, 2019
- Frances Jewell Chiville, 99, July 1, 2020
- Phyllis Jean Boland Cipriano, 73, March 17, 2020
- Sean Clerkin, 54, April 12, 2020
- James “Jim” Lawrence Cooley, 82, April 28, 2020
- Larry Stephen Crabill, 74, July 25, 2020
- Louise Craig, April 21, 2020
- Daniel Ralph Dambrauskas, 91, July 29, 2020
- Thelma Annette “Ann” Donnellan, 75, November 14, 2020
- Hugh Edward Donovan, 85, July 1, 2020
- David Sagal Falk, 87, June 10, 2020
- Stephen Fisanich, 92, December 13, 2020
- Joseph John Gaffney, 96, June 16, 2020
- M. Gail Caffrey Gardes, 84, September 1, 2020
- Ronald Lee Gingell, 62, April 27, 2020
- Arnold “Avi” Glick, 89, August 16, 2020
- Joseph Robert “Bob” Greig, 82, May 28, 2020
- David Isadore Haberman, 94, November 22, 2020
- Emory A. Harman, Jr., 69, April 4, 2020
- Coit Hendley, 67, January 29, 2020
- Ruth Ruleman Herbert, 92, January 15, 2020
- John Francis Holbrook, 69, March 22, 2020
- William “Bill” Holland, December 27, 2020
- Nathan “Skip” Beers Hughes, III, 63, September 28, 2020
- Irena “Rena” Hull, 78, April 23, 2020
- Michelle Hurwitz, 37, August 30, 2020
- Deana Deakins James, 74, December 19, 2020
- Carlile Johnson, 59, March 5, 2020
- Lucille Alexander Keyes, 96, May 31, 2020
- Venkata Kowtha, 93, August 16, 2020
- David Lakomyj, 44, January 15, 2020
- Clement Chu-Sing Lau, 62, May 24, 2020
- Christa Colleen Wilkinson Leckliter, 69, December 2, 2020
- John Lourim, 84, February 29, 2020
- Anne Llewellyn Meglis, 80, September 2, 2020
- Loraine “Lori” R. Moran, 90, July 18, 2020
- Leonard John Moriarty, 85, November 18, 2020
- Shawntae D. Nixon, 26, November 1, 2020
- Frances Martha Noyes, 89, June 13, 2020
- Barbara Marie Murphy Osborne, 91, July 23, 2020
- Lowell Davis Owens, 89, June 29, 2020
- Kathryn “Kathy” Kerr Perkinson, 72, July 10, 2020
- Theresa Powell, 63, November 26, 2020
- Mario Repole, 69, April 15, 2020
- David Wayne Rosenfelder, 68, September 17, 2020
- Elizabeth Ann “Liz” Roslewicz, 79, December 17, 2020
- William “Billy” Patrick Scott, 26, October 2, 2020
- William Shields, July 15, 2020
- Theodosia Smith Shipp, 102, March 23, 2020
- Irene Fishman Siegel, 91, May 22, 2020
- Margaret “Snookie” Elizabeth McGinn Smith, December 8, 2020
- Billy Owens Smith, Jr., 41, January 17, 2020
- Aaron L. St. John, 46, February 13, 2020
- Esther Wolfe Stephin, 87, January 19, 2020
- William Sullivan, 83, August 6, 2020
- Louise Swiderski, 99, September 15, 2020
- Thomas Edward White, 77, August 3, 2020
- David Charles Wigley, 69, May 23, 2020
- Amy Windsor, 79, January 6, 2020

Collaborative Listening To Build Relationships

The Prince George’s Community Collaborative Resolution Center (PGCCRC) offers a virtual learning series designed to help improve relationships between individuals. The four-part series, on successive Saturdays starting January 9 from 10 a.m. to noon, is called Collaborative Listening for Relationship Building. All sessions are free and can be accessed through eventbrite.com. For more information email PGCCRC at pgresolutioncenter@gmail.com.



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Obituaries

Nikki Ann Brunatti

Nikki Brunatti died peacefully in her sleep December 27, 2020. Born February 4, 1951, in Riverdale, “Nikki Ann” was raised in Greenbelt. She spent most of her adult years in Laurel, where she resided and served the community for more than 30 years.

Nikki is survived by her son Gary Steinberg and his wife, Sharron Patterson; two grandchildren, Qaevon Patterson-Steinberg and Laela Steinberg; two brothers, Greg Brunatti (Margaret) and Richard Brunatti; three nieces and four nephews and their children and a host of other family and lifelong friends.



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Nikki Brunatti



Our condolences to the family and friends of Nikki Brunatti, who died on December 27.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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1 Timothy 2:1-2



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January 10 10 a.m.

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Streaming information available at pbuuc.org/news/

At the Library
Curbside service and book drop-offs are scheduled to resume on Wednesday, January 13.

The online library is available 24/7 with access to ebooks, audiobooks, online resources, virtual library card registration and account renewals.

Library staff will continue to serve customers through the Ask a Librarian/Biblio Consulta service, the online library and social media. This service is operating with modified hours: Mondays through Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m. Customers may contact library staff at 240-455-5451 or askalibrarian@pgcmls.info. Regular call center hours will resume on Tuesday, January 12 at 1 p.m.

The library parking lot still serves as a hot spot for drive-up Wi-Fi during the closure.

This winter, PGCMLS is teaming up with the Washington Wizards! Readers are invited to participate in challenges for a chance to win prizes, and to explore the book, film, TV and other resources that the library has compiled for individuals or families to enjoy. The challenge will run through March 31.

Read Aloud
Monday, January 11, 10 to 10:30 a.m. PGCMLS staff host virtual read-aloud programs to enjoy at home. Recommended ages: 2 to 5. Virtual event at pgcmls.info/event/4741216.

Storytime on Screen
Monday, January 11, 10:30 to 11 a.m. A story, a craft – and a short film – recommended for ages newborn to 5. The Old Greenbelt Theatre and PGCMLS are collaborating to again bring a live, online Storytime on Screen on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Virtual event: pgcmls.info/event/4795170.

MLK Jr.’s Legacy
Tuesday, January 12, 7 to 8 p.m. The PGCMLS and Prince George’s County Human Relations Commission commemorate Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday with a discussion of his legacy and its influence on contemporary efforts to end voter suppression against Black Americans. Featured speakers include Andrea Blackman, division manager for special collections, Nashville Public Library (and curator of the Civil Rights Room), and additional curators and experts. Virtual event: pgcmls.info/event/4793489.

Saving Tips
Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join UMD Extension educators as they discuss strategies for improving personal nutrition, health, wellness, food safety and finances. Join Patricia Maynard and Crystal Terhune for a discussion about ways to prepare financially for the unexpected. Virtual event: pgcmls.info/event/4793275.

College Financial Aid
Thursday, January 14, 7 to 8 p.m. Join PGCMLS and The College Application Specialist as they break down the college financial aid process. Virtual event: pgcmls.info/event/4691819.

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2021 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

-Introduction of Jill Grant & Associates

-America Recycles Day Proclamation

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

- Statement for the Record – September 21, 2020, November 10, 2020, December 2, 2020, December 23, 2021 and January 4, 2021

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt West Advisory Committee

- Council Referral on Establishing a Monarch Joint Venture

- COVID-19 Relief Spending -- \$1.3 Million

- Housing Security

- Council Activities

- Council Reports

- * Reappointments to Advisory Boards

- * Waiver of Annual Leave Cap

- * Comprehensive Financial Review

MEETINGS-Scheduling of Future Meetings

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL *Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv*

Resident participation: Information will be posted on Meetings Calendar at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

In advance the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 11-15

Monday, January 11 at 5:30pm,**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *On the Agenda: Crime Prevention, continuing discussion, Advisory Committee Liaison Reports, 2021 Prioritize Goals, Maryland Youth Advisory Open Forum,Virtual NLC Attendance*

Monday, January 11 at 8:00pm,**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, *Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv*

Wednesday, January 13 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Public Session on the Collective Bargaining Agreement**,*Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv*

Thursday, January 14 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Community Feedback, Communications to Council on Greenbelt Fair & Just Policing Act Proposal and Council Referral on Racial Equity Legislation, Reports from CRAB and Next Meeting Date. This agenda is subject to change.*

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- SCMAGLEV Opposition Task Force
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

January 18, 2021 from 10am-1pm

Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road

Be a part of the community effort to protect trees from beaver herbivory and invasive vines at Buddy Attick Park. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to place wire caging around the trunks of native trees to protect them from beaver herbivory and remove invasive vines.

Reminders:

- Bring a reusable water bottle
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Students: bring community-service forms
- Limit to 25 volunteers

To Register: Contact Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll at kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov

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Christmas Tree Collection

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas up until February 1, 2021.

GHI

Ridge Road, 73 Court (opposite playground)

Plateau Place and Ridge Road (corner on playground side)

Research Road and Hillside Road (corner)

Ridge Road, 44 Court (Area near playground)

Eastway and Crescent Road (corner)

Ridge Road, 21 Court (across from Green Ridge House)

Crescent Road and Ridge Road (playground at junction)

Parkway (corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road)

Parkway (corner across from Community Church)

Southway, 7 Court (playground at Little League field)

Ridge Road, 11 Court and 13 Court area (area between courts)

Boxwood - Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane (playground)

Lakewood - Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North

Property adjacent to Attick Park

University Square - In front of swimming pool

Lakeside North - Near Swimming pool

Springhill Lake - Springhill Lake (community building)

Greenbriar

Between buildings 7708 and 7710, Hanover Parkway

Between buildings 7728 and 7730, Hanover Parkway

Between buildings 7826 and 7828, Hanover Parkway

Between buildings 8003 and 8009, Mandan Road

Glen Oaks

Between buildings 7903 and 7905, Mandan Road

Between buildings 7509 and 7511, Mandan Road

Hunting Ridge - Between buildings 6936 and 6978, Hanover Pkwy

Windsor Green -Court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff

Greenbrook Village and Estates

Southeast corner of Ora Glen Dr. and Mathew Drive

Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive

In front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street

Greenwood Village

Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace

Opposite 7646 Mandan Road

Opposite 7648 Mandan Road

Greenspring and Greenspring II

Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road

Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive

Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way

Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive

Belle Point

Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way

Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive

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Robbery, Shooting
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Attempted Carjacking
December 28, 6:02 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 44-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with attempted carjacking when officers responded to a report of a possible assault. The man said he was placing items in his vehicle in the parking lot when the man approached him, pointed an unknown object at him and demanded his vehicle. The man who had been loading his car yelled for help, at which time a citizen and an off-duty police officer detained the nonresident until police arrived. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault Arrest
December 24, 3:26 p.m., 6000

block Greenbelt Road. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with two counts of assault on a police officer, second degree assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct by officers who responded to a report of a disorderly man leaving Burlington Coat Factory. A person in the area reported that the same man had assaulted her in the parking lot. The man then assaulted the officer, punching her several times when she attempted to detain him. He was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The officer was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Theft
December 29, 3:03 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man reported that he agreed over social media to sell a video game player and met with the buyer to complete the transaction. The seller then agreed to let the woman purchase the item by way of a phone app. After he gave her the video game player, he realized that she never made the payment.

Unauthorized Use
A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with unauthorized use after he alleg-

edly took the 2011 Chrysler 300 belonging to his parents. It was recovered the same day when he returned it. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary
December 25, 3 a.m., 161 Centerway. A window in the garage area of Greenbelt Sunoco was broken to gain entry. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism
December 29, 9:17 a.m., 6925 Hanover Parkway. Two doors at the community building at Schrom Hills Park were spray-painted.

Vehicle Crime
A black 2010 Cadillac Escalade with Maryland tags 1BD9562 was taken from 6208 Breezewood Court on December 24.

Tags were taken from three vehicles. Two Maryland tags

8DY8186 were taken from 151 Westway. Rear tags Maryland 2EB7411 were taken from 7505 Mandan Road and Maryland 9DR9473 from 6220 Breezewood Drive.

A gift bag was taken from a woman at 428 Ridge Road when she was loading the bags into her vehicle. She saw a man running from it with one of the gift bags.

Items were taken from three vehicles after windows were broken to gain access. In the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway airbags were taken; at 5811 and 5915 Cherrywood Lane, respectively, a wallet and a laptop computer were taken.

There were two cases of vandalism. A window was broken and paint was scratched in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. The windshield of a work truck at 5909 Cherrywood Lane was broken.

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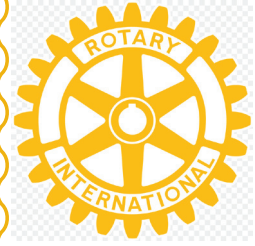
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Councilmember Judith Davis professed being a bit fearful, she “sort of agree[d]” with Gaymon’s recommendation to reduce the adjustment by two-thirds.

Byrd appeared to agree with Jordan’s concern and suggested Gaymon confer with other municipalities, the city manager and assistant city manager, which Gaymon says she had done. Property tax must be paid, no matter what. Byrd countered that he had heard some commercial property owners indicating that they would not be paying their taxes.

Resident Molly Lester politely pointed out that revenue stream from a property, not the owner’s ability to pay, is the issue. Gaymon committed to conducting a more detailed review of commercial property taxes.

In addition, Davis pointed out that some of the city’s six hotels have closed either permanently or temporarily. City Manager Nicole Ard noted that the Holiday Inn went bankrupt and is now being operated by a bank. It is not known how many restaurants have closed.

There was some discussion about whether the city would still fund the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Councilmember Silke Pope said she had been approached by someone who had heard that the SRO program would be dropped. Others had heard the same thing. Ard as-

City Notes

Street Maintenance/Special Details reinstalled Covid-19 signs that were knocked down. Horticulture/Parks supplied bags and emptied cans at dog stations, sanitized play/fitness areas and collected discarded Christmas trees.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.72 tons of refuse and 13.36 tons of recyclables and weighed food scraps totaling 2,721.5 pounds for December from 148 households.

Sustainability/Environmental helped with an Eagle Scout project on removing invasive plants. Building Maintenance updated Public Works lighting to LEDs.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center’s fitness wing reopened, and modified winter recreation classes have begun. On the Virtual Recreation Center, the Festival of Lights concluded with Waken The World With Wonder, featuring recorded performances by Eleanor Roosevelt High School choral ensembles and Creative Kids Camp.

Park Rangers greeted Dog Park guests and their humans, distributed masks, promoted Greenbelt New Year’s activities and cleaned up after a “booze bonfire.”

Since one cat and one kitten were adopted, Animal Shelter residents are five cats and three dogs.



KEEP CALM AND WEAR A MASK

sured council that this program is still in the budget and that she expects to include it in the budget for next fiscal year, as well. However, Davis noted that the county, state or school board could possibly change or end the SRO program as part of their police reform efforts.

Possible Uses

Councilmembers briefly discussed possibly restoring some cuts. These include reinstating employee cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) either going forward or retroactively (full year cost \$550,000), performing the employee compensation study (\$75,000) and architectural space study (\$30,000). There was no clear consensus although several councilmembers favored reinstating the COLA. Jordan, supported by Councilmember Edward Putens, suggested a bonus for employees who have face-to-face interaction with the public while Davis termed the proposal unfair.

Davis, while supporting the COLA, raised a major concern. “If we are going to fight maglev and Royal Farms,” she said, “the legal costs are going to eat us alive.” If the city gets the armory, council will need to look at what it will cost to renovate. She pointed out that the city needed to get a state bond issue to fund the renovation of the Community Center. There are things in the armory that we do not even know about, she worried. Other fights might include beltway widening and Beltway Plaza redevelopment.

Jordan agreed, saying that the city’s legal costs are spiraling out of control, a viewpoint disputed by Councilmember Rodney Roberts. If the city does not fight projects such as the road widening and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing plant proposed for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Roberts said, our quality of life goes down.

It’s New Year’s Eve 1948: So What Will You Be Doing?

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

This article first appeared in the Greenbelt Museum blog.

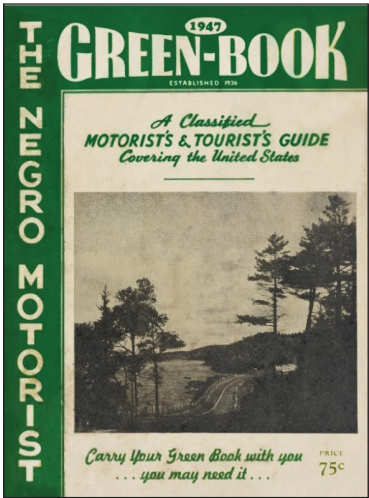
If it is 1948 and you are living in the New Deal planned community of Greenbelt, Maryland, you’ve got some options. Almost every New Year’s Eve since the first families moved in in 1937, there was a dance in Greenbelt. The bands may have changed yearly, and the price of admission definitely went up from the earliest celebrations, but the New Year’s Eve dance tradition started early and stayed strong for decades. On January 1, 1938, the dance was on New Year’s Day, and pioneer folks were stepping out to hear the Johnny Graham Band. “Start the New Year right, step out on Saturday night!”

Back to 1948, though. The Greenbelt Cooperator newspaper was hosting the dance in the school gym. The advertisement said “Be sure to get your babysitter, so you can come with friends and jitter!” The band that year was Vernon Brown and his Orchestra with featured vocalist Jo Mettee. The Couple’s Club of the Community Church invited members to a pre-dance party with refreshments. Those wanting to hire said babysitter had to compete with the Drop-Inn’s own dance being held for the teens at 50 cents admission, couples only. If a dance wasn’t your fancy that year, you could head out for a film at the Greenbelt Theatre to take in “The Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap,” the latest from Abbott and Costello. Before the show you might get a bite at the nearby Wayside Inn in Berwyn Heights. A complete meal was offered for \$1.10 to \$1.60. They had a carryout special for \$1.25 featuring chicken, homegrown by the proprietor.



Veteran's Liquor store sign

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Museum



The Green Book, a guide of businesses that were welcoming of people of color, from 1947

Greenbelters wanting a home cocktail on New Year’s Eve enjoyed a large selection of spirits at Veteran’s Liquor on Route One in nearby Beltsville. They offered free delivery, stayed open until 11:30 p.m. and were open all day on New Year’s Day. George Greer’s Liquor Store at the Peace Cross said they would deliver to Greenbelt, but only once at 7 p.m. Another activity to enjoy close to home was ice skating, if the green flag was displayed. The city was experimenting with a recreation-staff-made rink next to the tennis courts, with safety in mind. Much to do for New Year’s celebrating in early Greenbelt!

As Greenbelt’s housing was still segregated in 1948, these pursuits were likely not open to families of color. If you were a person of color living nearby in Prince George’s County, you likely knew restaurants and bars where you’d be welcomed. If you were traveling through the area,

though, you might have consulted a recent edition of the Green Book, a guide begun by Victor and Alma Green in 1936 to help Black travelers find places where they could stop for food, entertainment or services they might need like a pharmacy or a garage. There were over 100 sites listed in Maryland over the years that the Greens produced the guide.

The Greenbelt Museum invites all who are interested to join them on Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m. for a virtual lecture they are cosponsoring with Maryland Milestones and the Huntington Heritage Society. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8974340761737483790>.





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